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COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE RELEASES
“SUMMARY OF DISCIPLINE STATISTICS 1990 – 1999”

The Commission on Judicial Performance released today a “Summary of Discipline Statistics 1990 – 1999.” The report provides statistical information on the incidence of discipline as related to factors such as the judge’s age, the number of years of judicial service, the size of the judge’s court, the judge’s disciplinary history, whether the judge was initially appointed or elected to office, and the type of misconduct for which the judge was disciplined. The report covers all cases in which discipline was imposed on judges during the ten-year period from 1990 through 1999.

The study was initially undertaken by the Commission for its members’ information. The Commission determined to release the report in order to afford the judiciary and the public greater information about the Commission’s work, much of which is confidential under the California Constitution and the rules governing the Commission.

The report is believed to be the first of its kind in the nation. Copies of the report are available at the Commission’s office. The report is also posted on the Commission’s Web site at <http://cjp.ca.gov>.

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The Commission is composed of three judges, two lawyers, and six public members. The Chairperson is the Honorable Risë Jones Pichon of the Santa Clara County Superior Court in San Jose.